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CITY COUNCIL SUPREME.

The council did the proper thing to appoint a committee to investigate the charges preferred against the police officer. The fact is the council could do nothing else, though there may have been some who thought differently. The law is very plain on this subject and it makes it the duty of the council to inquire into the matter, and, incidentally the council, according to the city charter, is the supreme authority in such cases. Not only is it the supreme authority, but the fact is no one else has any jurisdiction. The council seemed to be just a little in doubt on the subject because it had delegated the mayor to appoint several officers, but in that respect he was merely the agent of the council and the council has the right at any time to take the entire matter into its hands.

For the benefit of those who contend that the council can not discharge an officer, whether appointed by the mayor or elected by the people, the Telegram gives below the ordinance on the subject:

"Any municipal officer may be removed from office for non-feasance, malfeasance, incompetence, habitual drunkenness, neglect of duty or gross immorality."

And the ordinance provides that the council, and the council alone, shall make the removal. No one else has the power by law to make it, nor has any one else the power to say that any officer shall remain in office, after the council has removed him.

It will be noticed that the ordinance applies to any officer, which means that the mayor, the chief of police, or any other officer can only be removed by the council itself, and that the council is the only authority that can remove an officer, be he policeman or some other city official.

It would be well for some who make their boasts that the city council has no power to do so and so along this line to remember the law in the case.

EVEN UP TAXATION.

One feature about the new tax laws that the people of Harrison county should not overlook is the reduction of the state tax and in the end the taking of all that tax. Harrison county has been paying the state in the neighborhood of forty thousand dollars every year, while some of the counties, equally large and rich, have not been paying half as much, because of their low assessments. Under the new assessment this is being evened up.

The assessments of the lands of the counties that have escaped their proper proportion of the state tax are being brought to a basis that will make taxation equal and fair all over the state. That means that the counties that have paid more than their share will have some of the burden taken off, because it will be placed on the counties that have not been paying what they should have paid.

PEACE AT ANY COST.

The peace envoys are said to receive \$200 per day and yet some people say they are slow. We don't wish to appear egotistical, but if there is any peacemaking to be done around here at the union price of

\$200 per, we wouldn't have to go far to find you the swiftest little envoy at liberty at present.

The council's action in voting to build a dam across the West Fork river to get a body of slack water for sanitation, beauty and recreation meets the approval of the people, and no trouble ought to be experienced by the special committee in raising the amount of money called for. The city has met the citizens half way, in fact, taken a big step in consideration of the city debt situation. It is urgent that contributions be made as fast and quickly as possible. There are many who can afford to contribute. There are some who can well afford to give a considerable amount. The movement is right and it should be pushed. The cooperation of the people is necessary, and, it is hoped that it will be given.

W. E. Fox, the policeman who was suspended Friday night, on charges preferred against him by one of the prominent young citizens of the city has a right to a fair trial, and the committee appointed for the purpose will give him such. If he is guilty of the charges, he should be dismissed. If not, he will be retained, but no officer of the city should hire a lawyer to defend him. That sort of thing is not for the city's interests. The city has its own attorney on salary to look after the city's interests and it is not up to any officer of the city to employ extra counsel, unless it be the one accused.

The city council very properly passed the ordinance requiring the chief of police to make monthly reports. There ought really to have been no necessity for such action, as there were precedents in a way. But there appeared to be some antagonism to following custom, and the council took upon itself the duty of having reports made.

A great discovery has been made according to some of the state papers. It is that Judge Goff is a candidate for president of the United States. It now remains for the Clarksburg papers to tell them that they discovered something that is not.

There has been a threat that the council could not discharge a police officer. The council ought in justice to itself see that no such defiance is given.

CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM HOME

Lloyd Adams returned home today from an extended tour of the Great Lake cities, where he has been "remotely prospecting." He is considering several tempting offers here but has not fully decided whether to return to Pleasure Bay or remain. Mr. Adams formerly was in charge of the B. & O. railroad at Clarksburg, and it never has seemed the same place since he left. Did you ever see a man leave Clarksburg, but he returned to his native heath. And speaking of heaths, while we don't know exactly all that goes with one, Clarksburg won't take a back seat for heaths or any thing else. While talking to Mr. Adams, his bosom friend, Mr. McVicker, said characteristically, "Cut out that prospecting and investing stunt and tell the truth. What did you come back to Clarksburg for?" Mr. Adams replied, "Well, 'remotely' speaking, and anticipating as it were I have never been out of Clarksburg for a whole year at a time, and while I was in Cleveland I 'remotely' happened to see, in a newspaper that the West Virginia Central Agricultural and Mechanical Society's fair was 'anticipated.' So I pulled stakes and hiked; no, not the way you mean, 'Cull,' there were windows in the car I came in, and here I am and expect to see the 39th fair. And if I decide to take back my old job as superintendent of the B. & O., I will see the 139th, for that fair ain't ever going to stop."

And neither is Mr. Adams going to stop talking, for the last seen of Messrs. McVicker and Adams they were arguing as to whether the opening day was Monday or Tuesday, and which of them should have the pleasure of being the first to Alphonse-Gaston, of entering the gates. The gentlemen can call all bets off. The West Virginia Central Agricultural and Mechanical

Society will open its gates promptly upon the morning of Sept. 4, and keep the same gates open during the period of the fair, to-wit: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1905.

Police Court

There were only two patrons waiting to be served at the bar of justice this morning. One peculiarity of the service at this bar is that it is not what you want always, but what you get, that is handed out. One, a stranger in our midst, was told to behave, and retreat back to Baltimore. The other one, might improve upon acquaintance, so he was perforce invited to tarry with us for five days.

OIL FIELD NEWS.

In the Salem district, this county, the South Penn Oil Co. has drilled its o. N4 on the A. C. Bailey farm through the Gordon and the hole has filled up 2,500 feet with fluid. In the same district the same company has shot its No. 4 on the W. A. Ridgeway farm and it responded by producing 20 barrels the first 24 hours. When first drilled through the Gordon it showed very little oil.

On Ann Moore run, Clark district the Grasselli Oil Co. is due in the sand at a test on the Park Coal tract. On the same stream, and in the same district, the Clarksburg Light & Heat Co. is down 900 feet at a test on the John R. Stout farm.

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